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ALASKA POLICY TO BE DEFINED BY HARDING IN SEATTLE SPEECH

GERMANY SEEKS CONCESSIONS IS FRENCH REPORT

Great Britain, in Reply to Reparations Note, to Give Out German Scheme.

ASKS WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPATION FORCES

Two Important Concessions Are Expected to Be Conveyed to French.

PARIS, July 19.—The German government, through the London Embassy, is striving to have the forthcoming British reparations note convey to the French government, Germany's willingness to cease passive resistance in the Ruhr subject to certain concessions by the French. Information has reached the French government, on what is regarded as unquestionable but unofficial authority that the concessions include:

First, the withdrawal of the Franco-Belgium occupation troops, with the exception of a skeleton force.

Second, permission for expelled German officials to return to their posts restoring local administration of all civil service.

Another concession demanded is that the French government agree to restore confiscated currency.

The conditions, it is declared here, will not be acceptable to the French government because they are not accompanied by any definite assurance or guarantee that reparations will be forthcoming.

WOBBLY ASKS FOR \$25,000

Sues Texas Newspaper for Libel—Finger Prints Are Taken by the Police.

BEAUMONT, Texas, July 19.—A libel suit for \$25,000 has been filed against a Port Arthur newspaper by John Holland, Wobblies manager. He charges he was mistreated by the Port Arthur police in connection with the taking of his finger prints. The basis for the suit against the newspaper is a story saying Holland was wanted in Everett, Wash., for murder.

MURDER WAS CHARGED.

EVERETT, Wash., July 19.—John Holland was a member of a party of Wobblies coming here on the steamer Verona several years ago when deputies and citizens attempted to prevent their landing and several on both sides were killed. A charge of murder was filed against Holland but was dismissed after one of his companions had been acquitted.

Cape Breton Coal Miners Defy Lewis, Continue Strike

SYDNEY, N. S., July 19.—Four thousand Cape Breton coal miners have voted to continue the strike in defiance of the order of International President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America.

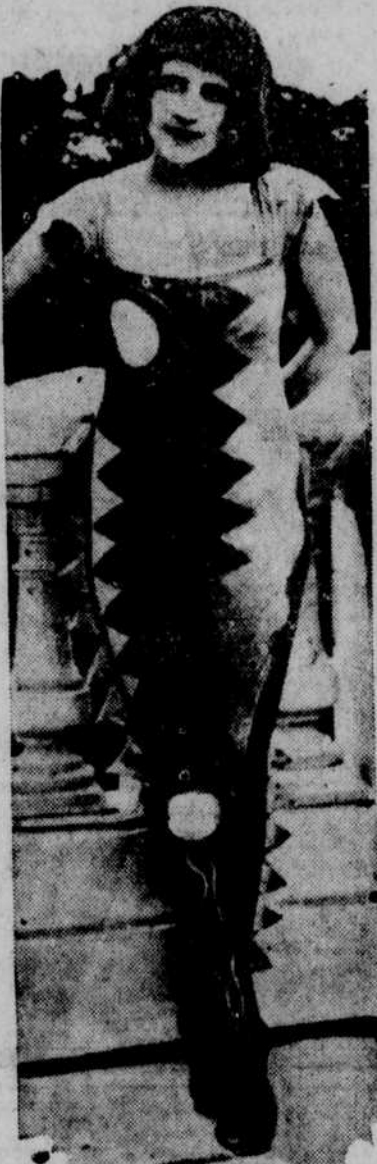
Advises Hibernians to Expose Ku Klux Klan

MONTREAL, July 19.—The most important task for the Ancient Order of Hibernians to engage in is the wide exposure of the Ku Klux Klan declared President James Deery in his annual report made yesterday at the convention in session here.

Seattle Couple Robbed While Unconscious; Wreck

TACOMA, July 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jensen, of Seattle, were robbed of all their valuables while they lay unconscious in a pasture as the result of an automobile wreck near Auburn last night. The loot included \$12.50, gold watch, vanity case and other articles.

Star Sings Opera On Own Estate.



Mme. Grevin, better known in America as Mme. Marguerite Beriza, when she sang in the Chicago and Boston opera companies, is shown in the costume she wore in the creation of the new "Chautauque Aucassin and Nicolette," one of the most popular operas in France, which she gave in her private theatre on her beautiful estate in Val d'Or, a suburb of Paris.

COLONEL MEARS HAS LEFT ARMY

Builder of Alaska Railroad Voluntarily Retires—Rumors Prevailing.

SEATTLE, July 19.—A special dispatch from Washington to the Seattle Daily Times says the voluntary retirement from the army of Colonel Frederick Mears has been completed with.

Extension to him of a personal invitation by Secretary of the Interior Work to accompany the Harding party on the tour in Alaska has prompted speculation as to whether Mears would become operating head of the Alaska Railroad recently vested under the management of the Secretary of the Interior and who might select some one to manage it. Mears' friends say such work would not appeal to him as he is essentially a builder with no natural bent towards an operating department.

N. Y. Footloose Wobblies Are to Hike for South

NEW YORK, July 19.—Every footloose Wobbly in New York City will start as soon as possible toward Port Arthur, Texas, under orders to "protect the I. W. W. Constitution" and rights of three members reported to have been kidnapped and beaten recently. This is according to officials of the Marine Transport Workers' branch of the Wobblies.

Ford Boosters to Have Conference Next Month

CHICAGO, July 19.—Boosters for "Ford for President" will have a general assembly in his home town at Dearborn, Michigan, during the latter part of August. This is the announcement made today by Dr. F. L. Clark, President of the Illinois "Ford for President" Club.

NEW YORK REPUBLICANS SILENT; WON'T ANSWER QUESTION OF DRYS

NEW YORK, July 19.—(By Associated Press)—Politicians are reflecting on three announcements by party leaders here bearing on next year's national campaigns.

George K. Morris, chairman of the Republican State Committee, said that he would not reply to a recent message from the Anti-Saloon League of America, asking: "Does the Republican leadership of New York endorse the President without qualification, or does it continue its subservience to the wet minority of the party and to the out of harmony with the national leadership as well as in de facto alliance with Tammany?"

Charles D. Hilles, Republican National Committeeman from New York, announced that he had started an active campaign to block the nomination of Henry Ford for President by either of the major political parties.

Herbert C. Pell, Chairman of the

Democratic State Committee, said that he believed prohibition would not be an issue in the next campaign, except possibly to the extent that its enforcement exemplified interference by the government in the every-day affairs of the people. Particular interest attached to Mr. Pell's statement in view of the "wets" who are urging Governor Smith for President.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock, former Senator from Nebraska, who led the Democratic fight for ratification by the Senate of the treaty of Versailles, sailed for Europe, declaring it now was too late for America to enter the League of Nations. The former Senator said he thought William G. McAdoo was a "good bet" for the Democratic nomination for President in 1924. But this, he added, was not intended to indicate that he was supporting McAdoo.

OPEN DOOR POLICY OF U. S. IN TURKEY IS SUPPORTED BY JAPAN; STATEMENT GIVEN OUT

Extra Session Threat Is Made By Brookhart

WASHINGTON, July 19.—United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, has returned to his office here after a trip to Russia. He announced that unless President Harding calls an extra session to help the farmers, the "independents" will see reactionaries are relieved on committees at the regular session beginning next December.

Senator Brookhart suggested to Secretary Hughes that the latter telegraph President Harding regarding an extra session and Hughes replied: "I would do it but do not know how to reach him."

Political prognosticators predict that possibly there is a meaning in Brookhart's threat of a third party headed by La Follette and Brookhart.

JOHNSON IN BY BIG VOTE

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 19.—Tabulation of the unofficial returns from the senatorial election just closed shows Magnus Johnson apparently assured of 85,000 plurality.

Good for Farmers.

OMAHA, July 19.—H. W. Green, vice Chairman of the Federated Farmer-Labor party, in a statement declares that the election of Magnus Johnson to the Senate will help smash the "machine" that has "cleaned" the American farmers.

"OLD LINCOLN SPIRIT."

MADISON, Wis., July 19.—U. S. Senator La Follette in a statement in connection with the election of Magnus Johnson, of Minnesota, to the U. S. Senate, declared that the "old Lincoln spirit is again sweeping the west."

Temper of People.

NEW YORK, July 19.—The victory of Magnus Johnson has given "official" Washington an inkling of the temper of the people which speaks fair to sweep the existing regime into political discard," says a message of congratulation by Mayor Hylan to Minnesota.

Hecla Mining Company Going to Rebuild Burke

WALLACE, Idaho, July 19.—Directors of the Hecla Mining Company decided today to rebuild the property burned in Burke last Friday. The buildings will be more substantial than before the fire.

MYSTERY IN IRENE CASTLE'S DIVORCE SUIT.



Irene Castle Treman, widow of the late Captain Vernon Castle, has instituted divorce proceedings, in Paris, against her second husband, Captain Robert E. Treman, wealthy Ithaca (New York) manufacturer. Considerable mystery surrounds the affair, for after the divorce suit was filed she was found dining in Paris with her husband and denied she had authorized the filing of the suit.

RATES ATTACKED BY BALLAINE IN SEWARD HEARING

Seward Promoter Says Excessive Freight Rates Throttle Development.

SEWARD, Alaska, July 19.—(By Associated Press).—Rail and steamship rates were assailed here yesterday by John E. Ballaine, former engineer of the Alaska Northern Railroad, in hearings conducted by Secretary Work of the Department of the Interior. He said these rates are excessive and are throttling the development of Alaska.

Ballaine testified that the ocean rate from Seattle to Seward is two and a half times the rate from Seattle to New York, including Panama Canal tolls. He also told Secretary Work that not only are no efforts being made to encourage traffic on the Alaska Railroad, which he said is losing \$1,200,000 annually, but that there is a deliberate attempt in certain quarters to force steamships to go to Anchorage, which he asserted, deprived the railroad of very profitable freight. The facilities at Anchorage, he declared, are pure waste as the harbor there is silted so fast that in three years only small boats will be able to reach the government docks.

Ballaine recommended that the government encourage the establishment of a steamship line to San Francisco instead of Seattle on the ground that the California city would afford better markets.

Mrs. Kirkwood Wins Divorce From Her Movie Actor Hubby

RENO, July 19.—Testifying that her husband, W. A. Kirkwood, movie actor, went about publicly with women, resting heads on his shoulder while automobiling, and became enraged when she objected, Mrs. Gertrude Kirkwood was granted a divorce here yesterday.

REAR ADMIRAL SIGSBEE DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Captain of Ill-fated Battleship Maine Passes Away in New York Home.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, of the United States Navy, retired, Captain of the ill-fated battleship Maine, died suddenly at his home here this afternoon.

RISES TO FAME.

Rear Admiral Charles Dwight Sigsbee rose to fame through the greatest naval disaster in American history—the "blowing up of the Maine." He was 53 years old at the time, a captain, a veteran of the Civil War, an

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PRESIDENT NOW FRAMING TALKS TO BE MADE IN COAST CITIES

Harding Spends Some Time Outlining Various Speeches to Be Made.

ALASKA POLICY PROBABLY BE OUTLINED IN SEATTLE

Foreign Relations and Arms Conference Treaties Also to Be Discussed.

SEWARD, Alaska, July 19.—(By Associated Press).—The transport Henderson, with President and Mrs. Harding and their party aboard, early today steamed out of Resurrection Bay through the recently christened Harding Gateway and for the first time in two weeks turned her prow southward. Although the Chief Executive will visit three more towns in Alaska—Valdez, Cordova and Sitka—he is for the first time enroute back to the United States. Valdez is to be visited today with the Henderson due to arrive there shortly after noon. While there the party will be taken over a portion of the Valdez-Fairbanks automobile road to view the scenic beauties of Keystone Canyon. Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, Speaker Gillett of the House of Representatives, and U. S. Forester, Col. W. B. Greeley, who left Fairbanks Monday over the Richardson Highway are expected to join the party before its departure late today for a stop Friday at Cordova.

Rest at Seward.

President and Mrs. Harding as well as other members of the party took things easy yesterday while the Henderson lay at anchor here, resting after the rail trip into the interior. Mrs. Harding was much refreshed by the night's rest aboard the boat and walked about the deck late in the day, and seemed to have regained her strength.

The president spent the afternoon working on speeches he will make on the Pacific Coast on returning to the United States July 27th, and it became known he will discuss foreign relations in his San Francisco address. It is expected, now that all powers have ratified the Arms Conference treaties, the Chief Executive will present to the country through the San Francisco address a report on that accomplishment. He has referred to the work of that meeting of the principal world powers in previous addresses. Undoubtedly in California, the home state of Senator Hiram Johnson, he will again support for his proposal that the United States join a permanent World Court.

Drafts Alaska Speech.

The President is also understood to have drafted, in a tentative way, some portions of the address he will make at Seattle, dealing with Alaska. So far as he has revealed his policy for Alaska as based on the

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PROPOSED TUNNEL WILL BRING OCEANS NEARER TOGETHER; WORK IS TO START EARLY IN AUGUST

DENVER, Colo., July 19.—(By Associated Press).—Actual work on the Moffat tunnel, through the continental divide west of Denver is expected to begin early next month. The first shovelful of dirt may be turned on August 1, Colorado Day. Everything is in readiness to start. Bids for construction are being advertised, and the bonds are being offered for sale.

The Moffat tunnel will cut the rail distance between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans by 70 miles. Its construction is an engineering feat of much difficulty, and it is of great national importance, for it will open up a large section of land in northwest Colorado, rich in natural resources.

The campaign to construct this tunnel has been carried on for the past 50 years. Early in the sixties the pioneers of what is now the state of Colorado realized adequate transportation was necessary to develop the territory, and set about to get it. The tunnel commences at the headwaters of South Boulder creek in Gilpin county near the town of Tolland passes under James peak and emerges a trifle more than 6 miles west at the headwaters of the Fraser river in Middle Park, Grand County. The western side of the tunnel is four and a half miles from the town of Fraser, Colorado.

The tunnel will be available in (Continued on Page Three.)